

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Board Meeting: August 9, 2004
Minutes Approved by Board on November 19, 2004**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on Monday, August 9, 2004, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Benjamin S. Persons, Geologist and Vice Chairman
Stanley Bearden, Geologist
James W. Furlow, Geologist
William McLemore, Cognizant and Ex-Officio Member

Others present:

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director
Virginia Hudson, Applications Specialist
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary

Vice Chairman Persons established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bearden made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2004 meeting. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Furlow made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Bearden seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Bearden, Furlow, McLemore and Persons. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

Geology applications were presented for Board review. Mr. Bearden made a motion to approve applications as presented. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicants were **approved** to take PART I (Fundamentals of Geology) of the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) National Examination:

Brenda Elisabeth Blyler
DeAnna C. Gettler
Randa R. Harris
Joel Douglas Landers
Julie Keegan Shackford
Roxie Jessica Turner

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The following applicant was **approved** to take PART I (Fundamentals of Geology) of the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) National Examination pending receipt of additional information:

David Scott Scruggs

The following applicants were **approved** to take PART I (Fundamentals of Geology) and PART II (Practice of Geology) of the ASBOG National Examination:

Vishal Katoch
Wendell Russel Kestle, Jr.
Karen L. Thorbjornsen
Larry L. Wooten

The following applicant was **approved** to take PART I only of the ASBOG National Examination:

John M. Bartos, Jr.

The following applicants were **approved** for UPDATE for PART II:

Justin D. Mahan
Kristen Bukowski McSwain
Janna L. Peevler
Katie Tyrrell Ross
William Newton Ware
Carrie L. Williams
Peter Shane Zimmerman

The following applicant was **disapproved** for UPDATE for PART II:

David J. Settles

The following applicants were **approved** for registration by reciprocity:

Emalee Dana Doyle
Andrew Thomas Flynn
Rachel Pressley Kirkman
Christopher K. Ridgway

The following applicant was **approved** for registration by reciprocity pending receipt of additional information:

Hugh B. Devery

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The following applicants for registration by reciprocity were **disapproved** for reciprocal licensure:

Jeffrey Bryan Fincher
John Joseph Interval
Carlos J. Serna

The following applicant appealed the Board's previous decision for licensure by reciprocity. After further review, the Board voted to reaffirm the previous decision to **disapprove** his application:

Frederick Calvin Jones

The following applicant was **approved** for reinstatement of an expired license pending receipt of additional information:

Garrett D. Weiss

The following applicant was **approved** for license renewal:

Jon Luther Wynn

The Board reviewed and approved the following list of Geologists licensed since the last review:

Professional Geologists Licenses Issued Since Last List Reviewed

License Number	Name	License Date	License Method
PG001746	Glen Lee Bray	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – AL
PG001747	Michael Francis Coughlan	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – WY
PG001748	Martin Eric Hamann	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – CA
PG001749	H. Lee Mitchell	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – SC
PG001750	Richard Paul Raione	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – TN
PG001751	Victor Rossinsky, Jr.	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – FL
PG001752	Christopher Dean Singleton	05/21/2004	Reciprocity – NC

The Board reviewed and approved the following list of Geologists reinstated since the last review:

Professional Geologists Licenses Reinstated Since Last List Reviewed

License Number	Name	Date Reinstated
PG001209	J. Keene Fleck, III	05/21/2004
PG001322	G. Ripley Conner	05/21/2004

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Executive Director's Report:

The Executive Director updated the Board on various topics of interest including the following items:

- Number of active licensees
- ASBOG website information
- Travel funds

Correspondence and Other Business:

The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Bearden made a motion to defer action at this time but to flag the file for future reference. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. Mr. Persons voted against the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter to Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia regarding results of the licensure examination and core curriculum.

The Board reviewed a letter to Cathy Cox requesting funds for Board members to travel during fiscal year 2005. Mr. Bearden made a motion selecting Mr. Persons as representative to the annual conference to be held November 1-7, 2004, in Boise, Idaho. Mr. Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence and requests that required no vote or action.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Marie S. Urquhart
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley
Reviewed by Executive Director

William C. Hayes
Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman
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Division Director

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Attachment**

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Benjamin S. Persons, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On August 9, 2004 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Benjamin S. Persons
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 9th day of August, 2004

Marie S. Urquhart
Notary Public